

Important Reminder to Foresters: Registration of unlicensed individuals

Is someone working with you who needs to be registered?

If you have anyone conducting forestry services under your license, they must either be licensed as a forester or intern-forester, **OR**, be registered with the Board as an unlicensed person under your supervision.

If you think you may need to register someone with the Board, this is the link to the registration form: [Registration of Unlicensed Individuals](#)

Please Note: A forester may not permit an unlicensed person to practice forestry who is not currently registered with the Board. Below is additional information regarding this issue or you may contact the Board at (207) 624-8521 if you have questions.

Any person providing forestry services must be licensed by the Board of Foresters (see [32 MRSA §5501](#) [4] & [§5502](#)) or be exempted from the licensing requirement as set forth under [32 MRSA §5503](#). One of the exemptions is for “a person registered and practicing forestry under the supervision of a forester.” [Chapter 90](#) of the Board’s rules sets out the process for a supervising forester to register an unlicensed person so that person may legally perform forestry services.

The registration process permits a person to gain lawful forestry experience that may be used to qualify for an intern forester license via the “variance pathway to licensure” (see [32 MRSA §5514](#) (2) and [Chapter 40](#) of the Board’s rules). Registration is not limited to persons who may pursue an intern forester license, however. As noted above, an unlicensed person who is providing forestry services as defined by Maine law (see reference above) must be registered with the Board. It is the responsibility of the supervising forester to register the unlicensed person with the Board annually.